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PANCREATIC CELLS

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims of the international application were not amended during international preliminary examination.

Before calculating the filing fee and before formal examination of the application on the merits, it is desired to amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The amendments to the claims appear in the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The claim listing replaces all previous versions of the claims presented in this application, and indicates any currently presented amendments and the status of each of the listed claims.

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